The Method of Turning the

MILITIA of SCOTLAND

INTO A

Standing ARMY,

As it is Ordered by His Majesties Privy Council there.

FOrasmuch, as the King's Majesty, taking to Consideration, that by Act of Parliament in the Year 1663. the Estates of Parliament did then heartily offer unto His Majesty, the number of Twenty thousand Footmen, and Two thousand Horsemen, sufficiently armed and furnished, with Forty days Provision, to be raised in the several Shires of the Kingdom, according to the proportions mentioned in that Act. And seeing by Act of Parliament in the Year 1669. the Countrey is to pay the Horsemen at Eighteen shilling, and the Footmen at 6 shilling Scots *per diem*, for every day that they appear at any Rendezvous or Muster yearly; to the effect the Soldiers may be Exercised, and may thereby understand the Discipline of War: And that if His Majesty shall call them together for His Service, the Countrey is obliged to furnish them with Forty days Provision or Pay. In prosecution whereof, the Lords of Privy Council for the time, to whom the Parliament by their Act did remit the particular ordering and settlement of this matter, did by their several Acts, put in Execution the said Act of Parliament, by reducing these Forces of Horse and Foot, to formed Troops and Regiments; and by His Majesties Special Warrant, did prescribe the way for naming and placing all the inferior Officers of Horse and Foot, the chief Officers being Commissionate by His Majesty, as their Acts made thereanent, and the instructions given to them for that purpose, more fully bear. And whereas His Majesty by a Letter under His Royal Hand directed to His Council, of the date of the 26 of *October* 1678. thought fit for this Service, and the present Exigent of Affairs, to appoint Five thousand Foot, and Five hundred Horse, of the number of the Twenty thousand Foot, and Two thousand Horse abovementioned, to be drawn out of the several Shires and Burghs of this Kingdom, being a 4th part of the whole, not including the Militia Regiment of the good Town of *Edinburgh*, as any part of this number. And did appoint these Foot to be divided into five Regiments, and the Horse into five Troops, and each Regiment consisting of ten Companies, to be commanded by a Major, and each Company to have a Lieutenant, Ensign, and two Serjeants; each Troop of Horse to have a Lieutenant, and four Corporals; and to whom, for their encouragement, His Majesty hath appointed competent yearly Salaries. And to the end this His Majesties Royal Resolution might not be mistaken, thought fit to declare, That thereby He did not intend to put the Countrey to any greater Charge, than what they stand already obliged by Acts of Parliament yearly. And by this His intention, does not resolve to lay aside the yearly Rendezvous of the rest of the Militia of this Kingdom, Horse and Foot, as formerly. In Obedience, and Conform to which Letter, and His Majesties other Letters direct to His Privy Council since the said Letter relative thereto, The Lords of His Majesties Privy Council have Ordained, and Ordain Five thousand Foot, and Five hundred Horse, of the number of these Twenty thousand Foot, and Two thousand Horse of the Militia, Established by Act of Parliament, to be drawn out of the several Shires and Burghs of this Kingdom, being a 4th part of the whole, not including the Militia of the Town of *Edinburgh*, according to the Rule of Proportion, and hath made a particular division thereof, and given instructions to the Commissioners of the Militia in manner aftermentioned; All which is Ratified and Approven by His Majesty.

Follows the Inſtructions given by His Majeſties Privy Council, to the Commiſſioners of the Militia, in the ſeveral Shires of the Kingdom.

I. YOu are ordered to Stent the number of Horſemen and Footmen upon the Paroches, Heretors, and Liferenters in your Shire, in the uſual manner, having always a care to pitch upon ſuch as may conſtantly attend upon the Service.

II. You are to cauſe Liſt the Names of the Souldiers, both Horſe and Foot, and ſet down the names of their Parents, Deſignations, and dwellings-places, and to Rank them in their reſpective Companies, and to deliver theſe Liſts to the reſpective Leiutenants.

III. You are to change no Souldier, Horſe or Foot, for another, without expreſs conſent of the Lieutenant, who is to be anſwerable to his Major for what he does thereanent; and both the Major and Leiutenant are to obey the Lieutenant-General, or Commander in Chief of his Majeſties Forces, as they will be anſwerable.

IV. You are to order, that no Horſe once received and liſted, be changed, without conſent of the Leiuetenant, and the allowance of his ſuperior Officer.

V. You are to choice and liſt new Souldiers, in place of theſe who ſhall be removed by Death, or infirmity, or ſhall remove off the Ground, and ſend their names to their Leiutenants; and that theſe new liſted Souldiers be ſufficient men for the Service, conform to the firſt Act of the ſecond Seſſion *Parliament* 2. *Charles* 2.

VI. You are to appoint all theſe liſted within your Shire, to Rendezvous once in two Months, and to keep together eight days, at ſuch Times and Places within the Shire, as the Major of Foot or the Lieutenant of Horſe ſhall appoint; and if the Rendezvous be without the Shire at ſuch Times and Places as the Leiutenant-General, or Commander in Chief ſhall appoint; and the keeping of the Rendezvous once in two Months eight days together ſhall continue, until the Commander in Chief ſhall order it otherwiſe.

VII. You are to order the Heretors to give allowance to the Horſemen and Foot Souldiers, for keeping the ſaid days of Rendezvous of eight days, once every two Months, and that for ten Months (His Majeſty being to pay them for the laſt two Months) at the rate of ſix Shillings *Scots* a day for ilk Footman, and eighteen Shillings *Scots* for each Horſeman, conform to Act of *Parliament*: And ready obedience is expected hereto, ſeeing they are at no more expence by paying fourty days to this number, then they were at formerly, by paying ten days to the whole, which they either did, or ſhould have done.

VIII. You are to take care that both Horſmen and Footmen be ſufficiently cloathed, fitted with all kind of furniture neceſſar for the ſervice; and that the Arms for the Foot, be two parts Muſquets, and one part Pikes; and the Horſemen to be armed with a ſufficient Sword, and Hulſter-Piſtols.

IX. Each Leader of Horſe is to furniſh and uphold a ſufficient Horſe with his Furniture, for the ſpace of ſeven Years from their firſt Muſter; and at the expiring of the ſeven Years, He and theſe of the Fraction with him are to contribute for another Horſe, not under the value of ten pounds *Sterling*, and fifty eight Inches high, and that a Horſe be provided accordingly, and ſo forth at the expiring of each ſeven Years *ſucceſſive*.

X. You are to be careful that the perſons to be liſted for the Militia, Horſe or Foot, ſhall be able bodies of Men, fit for the ſervice; and that they be ſuch as the Muſter-maſter ſhall approve of, and who ſhall take the Military Oaths appointed by Act of Council, each Rendezvous day, and ſuch Oaths as are contained in the Articles of War.

XI. The Heretors of your Shire are to pay their proportion of fourty eight pound

pound *Scots* to the Trumpeter, with the other ſhires who are joyned with them in conſtituting the Troop: As alſo, Your ſhire is to pay twelve pound *Scots* to every Drummer who ſerves in the Companies within your Shire, conform to the Act of *Parliament*.

XII. And ſince His Majeſty has under his Royal Hand, given Commiſſions to Majors, Leiutenants, and Enſigns of Foot, and to the Lieutenants of Horſe; and has declared it his Pleaſure, that the Leiutenants of Horſe and Foot ſhall chooſe their own Corporals and Sergeants: Therefore you are to give your concurrence to them in their reſpective ſtations.

XIII. You are to appoint two of your number *per vices*, to attend the firſt day of each Rendezvous within your Shire, and one of your number to attend the general Rendezvous of your Regiment or Troop when they come together, it being neceſſar, that there be one Commiſſioner preſent for every Shire out of which the Regiment or Troop is taken, to the effect they may give order for fining and puniſhing the Abſents, and for proceeding againſt all Deficients, and for performance of every thing elſe incumbent to them, conform to the Acts of *Parliament* and Council made thereanent, as well in every Company of Foot and Squad of Horſe, as when the whole Regiment and Troop are together.

XIV. Theſe two Commiſſioners, with the concurrence of the Commanding Officer preſent for the time of the Foot-Company, or Squadron of Horſe, or Corporalſhip, and of the Major of Foot and Lieutenant of Horſe, or other Commanding-officer preſent, when the Regiment of Foot, or Troop of Horſe is together; are carefully to cauſe poynd every Deficient and other Tranſgreſſors, conform to the Acts of *Parliament* and Council anent the Militia: Hereby requiring the ſaids Commiſſioners to do exact diligence herein, as they will be anſwerable at their outmoſt peril. And certifying theſe Commiſſioners who ſhall be abſent, or being preſent, ſhall neglect their duty, hereby, and by Act of *Parliament* intruſted to them, ſhall be proceeded againſt as Contemners of his Majeſties Authority and Service, and neglecters of the publick Peace of the Kingdom.

XV. The Commiſſioners of the Militia on the South ſide of the North Water of Esk, in the ſeveral Shires of the Kingdom, are appointed to have their firſt meeting at the head Burgh of the Shire, upon the fifteen day of *July* next, and the Militia thereof, to have their firſt Rendezvous upon the thirteenth of *Auguſt* thereafter. And the Commiſſioners benorth the ſaid Water, are to have their firſt meeting upon the tenth of *Auguſt*, and the Militia thereof to have their firſt Rendezvous upon the 24. of *Aug.* And the Commiſſioners on the ſouth ſide of the ſaid Water, are to give an account what they do at their firſt meeting to the Council, upon the firſt Council day of *Auguſt*, and to give the ſecond account of the condition of their firſt Rendezvous, againſt the firſt Council day in *September*. And theſe benorth the ſaid water, are to give an account what they do at their firſt meeting, the firſt Council day in *September*; and the ſecond account of the condition of the firſt Rendezvous, the firſt Council day in *October* next.

XVI. The Commiſſioners of the Militia of the ſeveral Shires at their firſt meeting, are to appoint the place of the firſt Rendezvous in every Shire, and to acquaint the perſon of Quality afternamed, who is appointed to be preſent thereat.

XVII. The Perſons of Quality afternamed, are appointed to conveen the Commiſſioners of the Militia to their firſt meeting, and to be preſent thereat, and to go to the ſeveral ſhires, and ſee the firſt Rendezvous keeped, and give an account thereof to the Council.

XVIII. His Majeſties Privy Council have appointed, and appoints, that in the ſhires of *Roſs*, *Sutherland*, *Caithneſs*, and *Orkney*, which had not formerly a Militia ſettled therein, the Juſtices of Peace, and Commiſſioners of Exciſe, be Commiſſioners of the Militia. Extracted by me

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Additional

Additional Inſtructions for the *Militia*.

Edinburgh, the Eighth day of *July*, 1680.

I.

THE Lords of His Majeſties Privy Council conſidering, that by the firſt Article of the late Inſtructions, the Heretors and Liferenters are ordered to Stent the number of Horſe and Foot in the uſual way, do Declare, That albeit according to the Act of Parliament, the Heretors and Liferenters be liable thereto, yet they are to have their relief from the Tenants, whoſe proper Burden it is to furniſh the Bodies of the Footmen and their Arms, and Pay, during the days of the Rendezvous; and the Heretors may accordingly force any of their Tenants or Servants who are fitteſt, the reſt of the Tenants contributing for their ſeveral Proportions, in the way formerly accuſtomed, either by Paroches, or otherwiſe, according as has been uſed in the reſpective Shires.

II.

As to the third and fourth Articles of the ſaid Inſtructions, whereby it is appointed, that no Soldier, Horſe, or Foot, be changed for another, and that no Horſe once received and liſted, be changed without conſent of the Lieutenant; it is ordered that no ſuch change be made, without expreſs conſent of the Lieutenant, and two Commiſſioners of the Militia.

III.

As to the ſixth Article of the Inſtructions, where it is appointed, that Rendezvous be kept eight days every two Months, for the ſpace of ten Months; It is Ordained, that the firſt Rendezvous ſhall meet for this year, as is formerly appointed, *viz.* upon the 13th, and 24th of *Auguſt* reſpective, and to continue together for eight days; and the next Rendezvous to begin the firſt Wedneſday of *October*, and to continue together ſixteen days; and for the ſubſequent Years, it is appointed that the firſt Rendezvous ſhall begin the firſt Wedneſday of *June*, and to continue for ſixteen days; and the next Rendezvous to be upon the firſt Wedneſday of *October*, and to continue then likewiſe for ſixteen days, and ſo forth to continue yearly thereafter; which two Rendezvouſes compleats the 32 days, payable by the Countrey.

IV.

As to the Ninth Article, It is appointed, that the Militia Horſe be worth Ten Pound Sterling, Conform to the Act of Parliament, and be 58 inches high; at leaſt, that the Horſe be of ſufficient ſize, fit for ſervice.

V.

It is hereby declared, That theſe that are liable in the Fraction, ſhall pay to the Leaders of Horſe, and Outreikers of Foot, their proportional parts of what is due for the Pay both of Horſe and Foot, during the whole time they ſtay at the Rendezvouſes.

VI.

Whereas, ſince the Act of Parliament in the Year 1663, Eſtabliſhing the Militia, by which there are 800 Foot, and 88 Horſe, appointed for the Shire of *Dumfreis*, there is a late Act of Parliament diſjoining the Militia of the five Kirks of *Eskdale* from the ſaid Shire, and uniting the ſame to the Militia of *Roxburgh*, whoſe proportion of the great Militia, is One hundreth Foot and ten Horſe, the Lords of Council Ordain the proportion of the New Model'd Militia of theſe two Shires to be regulat accordingly. Extracted by me

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